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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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COUNCILLORS.

Chairman	-	-	-	-	-	I. POPE.
Vice-Chairman	-	-	-	-	-	R. BAKER.

WARDS.

Cwmtillery.	Abertillery.
G. R. SHINGLER.	S. R. HARRIS.
F. YEMM.	E. T. PHINNEMORE.
R. BAKER	W. E. J. DERRICK.
Mrs. U. VERRIER.	Mrs. F. J. BROWN.
D. J. MORGAN to 13/4/54	R. S. WOOD.
T. H. MYTTON.	
J. OWEN from 7/6/54	

Six Bells.	Aberbeeg.	Llanhilleth.
H. S. SNELGROVE.	R. G. RICE, J.P.	W. H. JONES.
W. H. HILLMAN.	I. POPE.	S. T. BUTLER
	E. BULL.	

**Day of Meeting—Last Monday in each Month,
at 6 p.m.**

Clerk of the Council	-	-	H. J. WILLIAMS. F.C.C.S.
Surveyor and Water Engineer	-	-	A. GORDON JONES, M.I.M.C.E.
Accountant and Treasurer	-	-	R. L. ENGLAND.
Rating and Valuation Officer	-	-	H. P. BREWER, F.R.V.A.
Housing Manager	-	-	C. E. COLES.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The Committee consists of all Members of the Council.

Councillor Mrs. F. J. BROWN, J.P., Chairman.

**Day of Meeting—Second Monday
in each Month.**

Medical Officer of Health	-	J. WALTERS BOWEN, M.B., B.CH., B.SC., D.P.H.
Sanitary Inspector (Senr.) and Shops Inspector	- -	G. A. PARRY, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Sanitary Inspector	- - -	D. G. GRIFFITHS, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Rodent Officer	- - -	L. JONES.

ABERTILLERY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Area of District	..	..	..	..	..	6464 acres
Rateable Value, December 31, 1954	..	..	..	..	..	£99,019
Estimated Net Product of 1d. Rate, 1954	..	..	..	..	..	£356
Population (Estimated Mid 1953)	..	..	..	..	..	27,150
Population (Estimated Mid 1954)	..	..	..	..	..	27,040
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1953	..	..	..	..	..	16.4
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1954	..	..	..	..	..	15.8
Live Births, 1953	..	..	..	..	..	446
Live Births, 1954	..	..	..	..	..	429
Number of Deaths, 1953	..	..	..	..	..	328
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	..	..	..	..	..	12.0
Number of Deaths, 1954	..	..	..	..	..	329
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	..	..	..	..	..	12.1
Infant Mortality Rate, 1953	..	..	..	..	..	33.6
Infant Mortality Rate, 1954	..	..	..	..	..	44.2

Abertillery Urban District Council.

REPORT

OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE URBAN
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1954.

*To the Chairman and Members of
Abertillery Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Abertillery Urban District is situated in the Western Valleys of Monmouthshire, 13 miles north-west of Newport, and 20 miles south-west of Monmouth.

Its greatest length, north to south is $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles, while it varies in breadth, east to west, from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. It has an area of $10\frac{1}{4}$ square miles, being one of the largest Urban Districts in the County. The population is 27,150, and the rateable value is £99,019, (Abertillery £73,144, Llanhilleth £25,875). The estimated product of a penny rate is £356.

The Urban Area is divided into 5 wards:

Ward 1. Llanhilleth—This includes that part of Llanhilleth south-east of the Nant-Cuffin, with the portions of Crumlin and Hafodyrynys which are within the district. Members on Council, 2. Area, 894 acres. Electors, 2,529.

Ward 2. Aberbeeg—Comprises Aberbeeg and that portion of Llanhilleth N.W. of the Nant Cuffin. Members on Council, 3. Area, 927 acres. Electors, 2,725.

Ward 3. Six Bells—Comprises Warm Turn, Six Bells, and that portion of Abertillery south of Cwm Road and the Vivian Pit. Members on Council, 2. Area, 1,092 acres. Electors, 3,070.

Ward 4. Abertillery—Comprises the township of Abertillery, with the exception of the portions included in Wards 3 and 5. Members on Council, 5. Area, 1,151 acres. Electors, 4,592.

Ward 5. Cwmtillery—Consists of Cwmtillery with Penybont, Blaenau Gwent, and Brynteg. Members on Council, 6. Area, 2,400 acres. Electors, 5,875.

The chief centres of population are :—Cwmtillery, in the Blaentillery Valley to the north; Abertillery, at the junction of the Blaentillery and Ebbw Fach Valleys; Six Bells, in the Ebbw Fach Valley to the South of Abertillery; Aberbeeg, at the junction of the Ebbw with the Ebbw Fach; and Llanhilleth and Crumlin in the Ebbw Valley to the south.

The Upper Coal Measures have been almost wholly denuded, but the Pennant Series form a moorland plateau from 1,200 to 1,600 feet above sea-level, through which valleys, deep, narrow, and confluent, run from north to south regardless of the geological formation. The whole of the Blaentillery Valley and portions of the Valleys of the River Ebbw and its tributary, the Ebbw Fach, are within the area. The Tillery coal vein, at the base of the Pennant Series, outcrops in long lines on the sides of the valley north of Aberbeeg, and has been worked by levels.

Births.						
		1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
Number of Births	..	429	446	487	446	474
Birth Rate per 1,000—						
Abertillery	.. ..	15.8	16.4	17.07	16.2	16.9
England and Wales	..	15.2	15.5	15.3	15.5	15.8
Small Towns	..	15.6	15.7	15.5	16.7	16.7

The total number of births registered locally during 1954 as belonging to the district was 191, of which 86 were males and 105 females.

The number of births registered outside the District was 238, (males 118, females 120).

The Registrar General's return of births is 429. Of this number, 204 were males and 225 females.

The number of legitimate births was 195 males and 223 females.

The total number of illegitimate births from the Registrar General's return is 11 (9 males, 2 females).

The number of births during the year 1954 is 17 less than was recorded for 1953.

The Infant Mortality Rate is 44.2 per thousand.

TABLE I. Showing the Vital Statistics for England and Wales, etc., the Administrative County of Monmouthshire and Abertillery Urban District for the years 1953 and 1954.

	Birth Rate per 1,000 Population				Death Rate per 1,000 Population		Deaths under one year per 1,000 live births
	Live Births	Still Births	Live Births	Still Births	1954	1953	
	1954	1954	1953	1953			
England and Wales	15.2	0.36	15.5	0.35	11.4	11.4	26.8
160 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London ..	16.9	0.43	17.0	0.43	12.1	12.2	30.8
160 smaller towns (Resident population 25,000-50,000 at 1931 census)	15.6	0.36	15.7	0.34	11.2	11.3	24.3
London Administrative County ..	17.6	0.34	17.5	0.38	12.6	12.5	24.8
Administrative County of Monmouthshire	16.26	0.47	16.79	0.47	11.61	11.58	32.63
Abertillery Urban District ..	15.8	0.70	16.4	0.55	12.1	12.0	29.1

Causes of Death.

TABLE II.

<i>Causes of Death.</i> ALL CAUSES						<i>M.</i> 186	<i>F.</i> 143
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	5	3				
2.	Tuberculosis, other	2	—				
3.	Syphilitic disease	—	—				
4.	Diphtheria	—	—				
5.	Whooping Cough	—	—				
6.	Meningococcal infections.. .. .	—	—				
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—				
8.	Measles	—	—				
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—				
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	8	2				
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	1				
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	2				
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	2				
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	18	9				
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—				
16.	Diabetes	2	3				
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	21	23				
18.	Coronary disease, angina	28	15				
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	1	4				
20.	Other heart disease	28	29				
21.	Other circulatory disease.. .. .	2	3				
22.	Influenza	—	1				
23.	Pneumonia	6	—				
24.	Bronchitis	19	13				
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	7	1				
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	—				
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	3	2				
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	—	2				
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—				
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	2				
31.	Congenital malformations	—	3				
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	15	17				
34.	Motor vehicle accidents	1	1				
35.	Suicides	1	2				
36.	Homicides and operations of war	—	—				
37.	All other Accidents	6	3				
Deaths in infants under 1 year of age :						9	10
Legitimate						9	10
Illegitimate						1	—
TOTAL BIRTHS							
Legitimate						195	223
Illegitimate						9	2
STILL BIRTHS							
Legitimate						10	9
Illegitimate						10	9
TOTAL						—	—

Estimated population 1954 for birth and death rates, 27,040.

TABLE III.

Month	Male	Female	Total	Quarterly Births	Wards				
					1	2	3	4	5
January ..	6	9	15	43	1	4	5	1	4
February ..	2	9	11		2	1	1	—	7
March ..	8	9	17		1	5	3	2	6
April ..	4	3	7		—	3	1	—	3
May ..	9	7	16	43	2	2	2	3	7
June ..	13	7	20		3	5	3	4	5
July ..	6	15	21		3	8	2	3	5
August ..	14	12	26		4	6	3	6	7
September ..	6	6	12	59	2	2	1	—	7
October ..	3	10	13		3	3	1	—	6
November ..	10	11	21		2	3	5	3	8
December ..	5	7	12		2	3	1	2	4
Total ..	86	105	191	191					
Inward Transferable Births ..	118	120	238						
Grand Total for 1954 ..	198	231	429						

Showing the number of births registered in the Abertillery Urban Area during 1954, according to sex, month, quarter of occurrence, and ward distribution together with inward transferable births.

TABLE IV. Showing the infant deaths (*i.e.*, deaths in infants under 1 year of age) assigned to this district during 1954, by cause and in age groups.

Cause of Death	Under 1 week	Total under 1 month					Total deaths under 1 year				
		1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	1 month	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months		
Prematurity ..	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4	
Convulsion ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	
Supr r nal Ha morrhage ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Pneumonia ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	
Haemolytic Dis. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Menin gis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Cerebral Haemor rhage	6	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	6	
Heart Failure ..	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	
Pemphigus ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	
Respiratory Diseases	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	
Gastro Enteritis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	

TABLE V.

Analysis of Infectious Diseases in this District during 1954. Showing Age/Sex distribution of the cases of Infectious Diseases notified in the District in 1954 also showing Admission of same to Hospital.

Disease	Under 1 year												65 years and upwards												All Ages		Admitted to Hospital					
	1-			2-			3-			4-			5-			10-			15-			20-			35-			45-			m	f
	m	f	m	m	f	m	m	f	m	m	f	m	m	f	m	m	f	m	m	f	m	m	f	m	m	f	m	f				
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	2	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2			
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Measles	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1			
Whooping Cough	4	2	5	4	5	5	2	5	1	7	10	8	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	-		
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-		
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	5	2	2	1	6	2	1	1	6	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	18	-	-

There were 34 inquests during the year.

The circumstances of the deaths are analysed and are as follows :—

	Male	Female	Total
Anoxia	1	—	1
Cardiac Failure	6	—	6
Pneumonia	—	3	3
Duodenal Ulcer	1	1	2
Valvular Disease	2	—	2
Peritonitis	1	—	1
Subdural Haemorrhage	1	—	1
Jejunal Ulcer	1	—	1
Tuberculosis (glands)	1	—	1
Pit Accidents	2	—	2
Cancer	3	—	3
Suicide	1	2	3
Accidental Death	—	2	2
Coronary Occlusion	2	—	2
Pneumonoconiosis	2	—	2
Silico Lungs	1	—	1
Haemorrhage	1	—	1
Total	26	8	34

Zymotic Diseases.

Table No. V shows the notifiable diseases which were notified in the area during 1954.

Diphtheria.

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

The immunisation of the pre-school child is now carried out at the Infant Welfare Centres by the various medical officers in attendance. Parents too may make private arrangements with their own general practitioner for such immunisation. To attain the maximum degree of protection by immunisation it is advisable that booster doses should be given when the child first attends school.

Scarlet Fever.

As will be seen from the table, 12 cases were notified of whom 7 were removed to hospital because of the impossibility of complete isolation at home, which is very necessary to prevent the spread of infection. All these cases were of a very mild character and were scattered throughout the district, there being no localised outbreaks.

Measles.

2 cases of Measles were notified during the year.

Whooping Cough.

59 cases were notified during the year.

TABLE VI.

Showing Monthly notification of Tuberculosis (all forms) for the year 1954, with Ward Distribution.

<i>Month</i>	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		TOTAL	WARDS				
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>		1	2	3	4	5
January ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
February	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
March ..	2	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
April ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
May ..	2	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	2
June ..	3	2	—	—	5	—	2	—	—	3
July ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
August ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
September	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	1
October ..	1	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—
November	2	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	—
December	2	1	—	—	3	—	1	1	—	1
	16	5	—	—	21	1	7	3	3	7

TABLE VII.

Year	Yearly Notification of Tuberculosis.				Total Yearly Cases of Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary T.B.	Deaths from Tuberculosis				Total Yearly Deaths from Tuberculosis
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females	
1946	16	11	2	4	33	10	1	—	2	13
1947	15	10	3	4	32	3	5	1	1	10
1948	8	15	1	2	26	7	7	1	1	16
1949	17	9	3	1	30	10	8	1	2	21
1950	10	7	3	2	22	6	3	1	1	11
1951	14	13	1	1	29	5	1	2	1	9
1952	12	9	4	3	28	7	3	2	1	13
1953	12	15	4	2	33	2	2	1	—	5
1954	16	5	—	—	21	7	3	—	—	10

TABLE VIII. Showing the admissions and discharges to institutions for the treatment of of Tuberculosis during 1954.

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Admissions</i>		<i>Discharges</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
Emeglyn	—	—	—	3
Chepstow Annexe ...	4	—	2	—
Gelli-Gaer	—	6	—	4
Glan Ely	4	1	3	1
South Wales Sanatorium, Talgarth ..	5	—	2	—
Sully	2	2	2	5
Cefn Mably... ..	1	1	5	—
Llangwyfan. Denbigh....	—	—	—	2
	16	10	14	15

All cases of suspected Tuberculosis are seen at the Chest Clinic run by the Regional Hospital Board.

The number of new cases examined from the Abertillery District during 1954 was 324 and of these the number of cases diagnosed as suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis are as follows:—

Pulmonary Tuberculosis 16 males
5 females

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis Nil males
Nil females

Total number of attendances during 1954 at the Clinic, (*i.e.*, new and old cases during 1954)—687.

Meteorological Records.

SUMMARY OF DAILY RECORDS TAKEN AT NEW CEMETERY AND THE PARK, 1954.

<i>Month</i>	<i>The Park</i>		<i>New Cemetery</i>		
	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Rain Days</i>	<i>Sunshine</i>	<i>Temperature</i>	
			<i>Hours</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>Lowest</i>
January ..	3.28	10	14.20	54.0	17.2
February ..	6.35	18	20.00	50.2	17.9
March ..	5.65	20	58.10	58.5	16.9
April ..	2.13	7	82.50	64.0	28.5
May ..	3.34	14	67.50	73.0	32.8
June ..	8.41	13	68.00	72.0	41.0
July ..	5.00	14	78.10	68.9	39.0
August ..	6.31	17	42.40	73.0	40.1
September ..	7.34	25	62.10	77.0	37.2
October ..	9.83	22	28.30	65.0	27.8
November ..	12.99	23	17.30	58.0	30.5
December ..	6.42	19	9.0	56.0	24.0

Total inches for year, 77.05 Rain days, 201.

Total hours of Sunshine, 551 hrs. 10 mins.

Highest Temperature for Year, 77.0.

Lowest Temperature for Year, 16.9.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE.

The following report was kindly supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor, REGINALD E. EKE, Esq., M.I.MUN.E.

The collection of Refuse in the Urban Area is carried out with Petrol-Driven Vehicles with covered bodies of semi-circular type so as to prevent, as far as possible, dust being blown about while the lorries are travelling.

Collections are made three times weekly, also collection of Trade Refuse from the Business Premises.

The method of disposal is by the well-known Bradford Method, described as "Controlled Tipping."

On the closing down of the Refuse Destructor at the end of 1928, the disposal of refuse was carried out by crude tipping which quickly resulted in complaints of obnoxious smells, vermin, fires, etc., especially on the Tip at Rose Heyworth Road. In 1932, however, the Council introduced the above described method of disposal by which the refuse was laid down to plan, properly consolidated, and covered over with earth at the end of each days' work. This method eliminates much of the nuisance attendant on the old method, and is being used to provide facilities for recreation. The Council have formed Sports Grounds at Rose Heyworth Road for the Abertillery Grammar School, and the Ground, when completed by the School Authority, will include a Football Field, Hockey Pitch, Cricket Pitch and Tennis Courts.

Other Grounds completed are at the Walpole Field, Llanhilleth, Woodland Field, Cwmillery, a Children's Playground and a Recreation Ground at Aberbeeg, and another Recreation Ground is being formed at Brynithel. Considerable interest is being shewn in these activities by neighbouring Authorities, and several Councils have sent their Representatives to view the progress and method of the work.

THE ABERTILLERY & DISTRICT WATER BOARD.

The Engineer to the Board, W. CORY GODDARD, Esq., M.INST.C.E., M.INST.W.E., A.M.I.MECH.E., has supplied the following particulars.

The total rainfall for 1954, at Grwyne Fawr Reservoir, Breconshire, was 68.78 inches as compared with 43.36 inches in 1953, and 57.34 inches in 1952.

During 1954, the highest monthly rainfall recorded was 12.86 inches in November and the lowest was .99 inches in April.

The highest daily rainfall recorded was 2.41 inches on the 12th June. Rain fell on 230 days at the Reservoir during 1954.

The mains and service pipes in the Board's district are continually tested and inspected for leakages and many repairs are carried out to cracked and fractured pipes, caused mainly through subsidence.

The Board's Llanover Water Scheme is practically completed and the Official Opening has been fixed for Saturday, September 10th, 1955.

Public Sanitary Conveniences.

ABERTILLERY.

Rose Heyworth Road

Royal Lane, Blaenau Gwent, (facing Blaenau Gwent Chapel).

Alma Street.

Foundry Bridge. (Ladies' and Gents').

Tillery Road (below Club Row).

Bush Hill.

Alexandra Road (Ladies and Gent's) opposite Cwm Hotel,

Market Street.

Near New Bridge End Inn, Penybont.

Cwmtillery.

SIX BELLS.

Near Six Bells Bridge.

Near Coach and Horses Inn.

ABERBEEG.

Near G.W.R. Station.

LLANHILLETH.

Opposite Ty'r Graig Schools.

Near Central Hotel (at foot of hill over railway bridge).

CRUMLIN.

Near Viaduct Hotel.

Common Lodging House.

There is only one registered common lodging house in the district and this is situate at Crumlin. The premises are kept in a clean condition and in good repair.

Pit-Head Baths.

Pit-head baths are now established in connection with the Rose Heyworth, Cwmtillery and Llanhilleth Collieries, and also the new Aracl Griffin Baths were opened during the year.

These establishments are working satisfactorily and are proving a great boon to those engaged in the industry.

Other pit-head baths are required, and plans at present are under consideration.

Swimming Baths.

There is one swimming bath in this area situated in the Park at Abertillery, and controlled by the Abertillery U.D.C.

This is an open-air bath, which was originally constructed in 1900, and measured 90 feet x 30 feet, with 88,594 gallons capacity. The bath was modernised in 1936 at a cost of £3,000, providing a bath 92 feet x 43 feet, with 125,000 gallons capacity. The special filtration plant is capable of "turning the water over" in six hours. There are 20 cubicles for men and 13 for women, with provision for sun-bathing on concrete promenades.

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|---|--|
| 1. Date of Construction | 1900—Modernised 1936. |
| 2. Open-air or Covered | Open-air. |
| 3. Cost of Construction | Modernisation £3,000. |
| 4. Capacity : | |
| (a) Dimensions | 92ft. x 43ft. |
| (b) Gallonage to fill | 125,000. |
| (c) Number of bathers provided for | 33 Cubicles. |
| 5. Method of Purification | Filtration and Chlorinisation Plant. |
| 6. How often changed | Six-hourly periods of "turn over" |
| 7. Source of Water Supply. | Local. |
| (a) If local, estimated flow | (a) 30/60 g: ll ons per minute according to season from adjacent stream. |
| | (b) Mains supply. |
| (b) If purchased, cost per 1,000 gallons. | (a) Annual easement for water right. |
| | (b) 2/- per 1,000 gallons. |

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| 8. Laundry facilities (if any) | None. |
| 9. Number of cubicles | 33. |
| 10. Any other dressing accommodation provided | None. |
| 11. Number of Staff engaged | One to Two. |
| 12. Duration of open period | April to September. |

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Sanitary Inspectors, and other Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

Yours obediently,

J. WALTERS BOWEN,
Medical Officer of Health.

Abertillery
Urban District Council.

Chief Sanitary Inspector's

REPORT

For the Year

1954.

Public Health Department,
Oddfellows Hall,
Queen Street,
Abertillery, Mon.

The following is my report on work carried out by the Department for the year ending December 31st, 1954.

The Sanitary Administration and Conditions for the year 1954

The following tables show particulars of the work carried out by the Sanitary Officers :—

Visits to Animals, etc., kept :—

Piggeries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Stables ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Fowls, pigeons	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12

Complaints :—

Total number investigated (all premises)	..	..	..	..	..	..	433
Common Lodging Houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	16

Dairies :—

Premises examined	..	..	..	..	..	..	93
Number of Purveyors' vehicles	..	..	..	..	..	..	36

Drainage :—

Number of main or branch drains smoke tested	..	..	..	..	..	31
" " " " " " colour tested	..	..	..	..	..	38
" " " " " " found defective	..	..	..	..	..	62
" " " " " " re-constructed	..	..	..	..	..	29
Visits to works in progress	..	..	..	..	..	85

Dwelling Houses :—

Number inspected <i>re</i> complaint of nuisance	..	..	..	..	..	389
Number re-inspected " "	..	..	..	..	..	329
Number inspected <i>re</i> overcrowding	..	..	..	..	..	—
Interviews with Owners	90
" " Tradesmen	107

Licensed Houses, Cafes, etc. examined <i>re</i> urinals, W.C.	20
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Miscellaneous Visits :—

Visits not otherwise classified	135
Offensive Trade premises	14

Public Conveniences :—

Number inspected	..	..	..	..	..	123
Amusement premises	..	..	..	..	..	73
Special visits (not classified above) <i>re</i> works in progress	..	..	..	..	..	25

The nuisances were :—

Defective Roofs, troughing, down-pipes, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	192
Defective Window-frames, doors, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	46
Defective or insufficient yard paving	..	..	..	..	..	3
Damp or Defective Walls, external	..	..	..	..	..	43
Choked or defective drainage	..	..	..	..	..	42
Insufficient W.C. and slop-water drainage	..	..	..	..	..	7
Defective and insufficient closet accommodation	..	..	..	..	..	42

Defective and insufficient water supply	—
Miscellaneous nuisances	40
Defective ceilings	32
Defective walls (internal)	24
Defective floors	44
Defective waste pipes	6

Many and varied were the nuisances discovered. In some cases the owners and occupiers were interviewed and the nuisances abated at once, and in other cases legal notices were served.

Foods.

MILK SUPPLY.

Number of persons registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1950.

Number on Register in 1954	28
Licensed to sell Pasteurised Milk	24
Licensed to sell Sterilised Milk	13
Licensed to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	22

Supplementary Licences to sell—

Sterilised Milk	1
Pasteurised Milk	5
T.T. Milk	3

The number of inspections made last year was 129.

10 samples of milk were tested in the area during the year ended 31st December, 1954.

ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered during the year	5
Number of premises registered	72
Number of registered persons producing	1
Number of inspections of premises and vehicles	69

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following particulars show the amount of attention given to securing a wholesome supply of food.

Visits to Premises :—

Fish, fruit and vegetable shops	..	..	..	..	122
Meat shops	..	..	..	..	391
Fried fish and chip shops	..	..	..	..	92
Bakchouses	..	..	..	..	93
Fishmongers	..	..	..	..	82
Premises registered for the preparation of food				..	185
Other premises where food is prepared, sold or stored				..	302
Cafes and Hotels	..	..	..	..	20

STORES AND VEHICLES.

Attention is being given to the cleanliness of vehicles, wrappers, etc., used for bringing meat into the district and for conveying meat to the shops, and the conditions are satisfactory.

The men who handle such meat are compelled to wear clean overalls.

There is no public abattoir.

FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS.

There are 13 registered shops in the area which are kept in a satisfactory condition.

92 inspections of these premises were carried out.

OTHER FOODS.

Meat, fish and fruit shops are regularly visited, and the food exposed for sale or stored is examined.

Pork butchers' premises, where sausage meat and small goods are prepared, receive great and constant attention.

Bakehouses are regularly inspected, and the sanitary conditions are noted and dealt with as required.

45 cases of food poisoning were notified in the district during 1954.

The Sale of Food and Drugs Act is administered by the Monmouthshire County Council.

Food Inspection.

The following show the variety of Food Stuffs condemned :—

Fruit	487 tins
Tomatoes	604 „
Beans	125 „
Condensed Milk	13 „
Evaporated Milk	318 „
Syrup	4 „
Peas	150 „
Stew	14 „
Soup	60 „
Cream	63 „
Stewed Steak	14 „
Steak and Vegetable	13 „
Pilchards	11 „
Orange Juice	3 „
Stuffed Pork	8 „
Pork Luncheon Meat	17 „
Cheeses	5 „
Chopped Pork	9 „
Fish	19 „
Minced Beef Loaf	10 „
Cheeses	30 boxes
Stewed Mutton	3 „
Cheese Spread	10 „
Strained Fruit.. .. .	1 „
Brawn	2 „
Miscellaneous	3 „
Sponge Mixtures	12
Minced Beef	37½ lbs.
Pork Luncheon Meat.. .. .	73¾ „
Pork Slices	16 „
Cooked Ham	587 „
Maws	139 „
Fish	10 stone

Jellied Veal	..	..	.	..	112 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Steak Puddings	..	..	..	..	6
Pies	..	..	..	..	2
Semolina	..	..	.	..	11 pkts.
Soup	..	..	..	..	4 „
Corned Beef	..	..	..	..	269 $\frac{5}{8}$ lbs.
Corned Flakes	..	..	..	..	26 pkts.
Puffed Wheat	..	..	..	..	3 „
Quaker Oats	..	..	..	..	40 „
Cheese..	..	..	..	..	131 lbs.
Sausage	..	..	..	..	199 „
Chicken	..	..	..	..	39 „
Tongue	..	..	..	..	84 $\frac{5}{8}$ „
Potted Salmon	..	..	..	..	4 jars
Cockles	..	..	..	..	106 lbs.
Haddock (smoked)	..	..	..	..	10 stone
Coconut Ice	..	..	..	..	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Bacon	..	..	..	..	115 „
Minced Meat	..	..	..	..	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ „
Cod Fillets	..	..	..	..	4 stone
Dried Peas	..	..	..	..	40 lbs.
Beef	..	..	..	..	6 „
Stewed Steak	..	..	..	..	7 „
Brawn	..	..	..	..	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ „
Ground Almonds	..	..	..	..	5 „

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—		
Total	.. .. .	30
1. <i>Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices :—</i>		
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	.. .. .	105
2. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.</i>		
(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	.. .. .	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—		
(a) By owners	.. .. .	—
(b) By local authority in default of owners	.. .. .	—
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—		
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied		65
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—		
(a) By owners	.. .. .	45
(b) By local authority in default of owners	.. .. .	6

Housing, 1954.

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF HOUSES OWNED BY
ABERTILLERY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL AT 31/12/54

	<i>Temp. Pre-fabs</i>	<i>Perm. Pre-fabs</i>	<i>Traditional (Including requisitioned Property)</i>	TOTAL
*No of houses owned by Local Authority on 31/12/54 (including Flats)	100	300	358	758
No. of houses in course of erection on 31/12/54 ...	—	—	9	9
No. of houses for which sanction had been given, but which had not been commenced on 31/12/54 ...	—	—	86	86
†By Local Authority	—	80	—	80
†By Private Enterprise ...	5	—	6	11
TOTAL	5	80	6	91

*Showing the number of Houses owned by Abertillery Urban District Council at 31/12/54.

†Showing the number of Houses erected by the Abertillery Urban District Council and by Private Enterprise during 1954.

REGISTERED FACTORIES.

Factories without Mechanical Power :—

Boot repairers	1
Carpentry and Joinery	3
Radio and Electrical repairs.. .. .	1
Total	5

Factories with Mechanical Power :—

Bake-houses	8
Brewers	1
Motor repairers	8
Mortar Mills	2
Carpentry and Joinery	4
Undertakers	2
Sausage and Cooked Meats.. .. .	3
Boot repairers	1
Dressmaking	2
Industrial Gloves	1
Wagon repairers	1
Iron Foundries	1
Tin Plating	1
Gas Works	1
Printing Works	3
Manufacturing Chemists	1
Lampshade Making	1
Precast Concrete Making	1
Electrical Equipment repairs.. .. .	1
Dairies	1
Icecream	1
Watch repairers	1
Works of Engineering	1
Total	47

Factory Act, 1937.

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		<i>Occupier Prosecuted</i>
		<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 enforced by Local Authority ..	5	66	—	—
(2) Factories not inc. in (1) to which Section 7 applies ..	47	187	—	—
(a) Subject to the L/A's (transfer of Enforcement) Order 1938				
(b) Others ..	—	—	—	—
(3) Other premises under the Act (excluding outworkers' premises) ..	1	5	—	—
TOTAL	53	258	—	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES.

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Number of Defects</i>			<i>Number of Prosecutions</i>
	<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Referred by H.M. Insp.</i>	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	9	9	—	—
Want of ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary accommodation { insufficient	—	—	—	—
{ unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—
{ not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	9	9	—	—

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Form PDP/R.3

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

Name of Local Authority—ABERTILLERY U.D.C. (County)—MONMOUTHSHIRE.

	Non-Agricultural			
	Local Authority 1	Dwelling houses Inc. Council houses 2	All other (in- cluding Business Premises). 3	Total Cols. 1, 2, 3 Agricultural
I. Total number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 and 2)	26	7242	585	7853
II. Number of properties inspected as a result of :—				
(a) Notification	3	108	12	123
(b) Surveyor under the Act	23	647	291	961
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose)	—	—	—	—
III. Total inspections carried out—including re-inspec- tions (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	32	861	354	1247
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by :—				
(a) Rats	—	—	4	4
Major	5	69	6	80
Minor	—	—	3	3
(b) Mice	1	179	3	183
Major				
Minor				

V.	Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the Local Authority (Figures should not exceed those given at Sect. IV.)	...	...	6	248	16	270	—
VI.	Total treatments carried out including re-treatments (To be completed only if figures are readily available)							
VII.	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act:—							
	(a) Treatment ...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) Structural Works (i.e. Proofing)	..	..	—	15	—	—	—
VIII.	Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act.	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
IX.	Legal Proceedings (see overleaf)	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
X.	Number of "block" control schemes carried out...			—	14	2	16	—

In conclusion, I wish to thank all Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. A. PARRY,
Senior Inspector.





